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**The humble Petition of the poor
dwelling Prisoners in the Compter**

of the most lamentable
state of the poor Prisoners in the Compter
being situated in London in number
part of us free-hold of this Honourable City, greatly afflicted
with many miseries, as hunger, cold, nakedness, and
many other calamities that dwell with us in this our infamous Dungeon.
Nevertheless, we are ever of the mind of our Blessed
Saviour and Saviour of the World, Jesus Christ,
one, we are emboldened to present this our humble Petition, only to
pray and beseech your Honourable Wisdom, that you will be
our relief and comfort
and Savour of the Church,
and shall be for giving us
of the Hell of Life:
and for giving good to
that old and glorious
your hearts: and to
We most humbly pray and beseech your Honourable Wisdom, that you will be
this Beggars Box, sealed with the words of the Lord, that it is signed upon this
Petition.



Blessed is he that considereth the poor and nee-
dy: the Lord shall deliver him in the need-
ful time of troubles, and his seed shall be
blessed upon earth. Psal. 41.

Most humbly sheweth to your Christian Charity the lamentable estate of the poor Prisoners in the Gaoler at Bishops-gate, being almost an hundred persons in number, and the most part of us Free-men of this Honourable City, greatly afflicted with many miseries, as hunger, cold, nakedness, noisome smells, with many other calamities that dwell with us in this our loathsome Dungeon. Nevertheless knowing like so many good Samaritans, you need no instigation to pour the oil of Charity into the deep wounds of our afflictions, we are emboldened to present this our humble Petition, onely to pray and beseech your favourable remembrance of us in your Godly and charitable benevolence, and to request your relief and comfort against this time of the Birth of our Father Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who once was a Prisoner for our sakes, and shall be, for giving us bread to feed our Bodies, for giving us grapes to refresh your Souls: for giving us water to quench our thirst, and shall lift of the Well of Life: and for being good to us Prisoners, we shall be made free Denizens of that old and glorious City Jerusalem. Therefore doe as God shall move your hearts: and so blessed be his Name for all our good Benefactors.

We most humbly pray and beseech, that your Charity may be put into this Bearers Box, sealed with the House Seal, as it is figured upon this Petition,

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